

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2293
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TERRORIST ACTIVITIES IN UTTARANCHAL
SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI;SUNDER LAL TIWARI

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government are aware that Jaish-e-Mohammad and some other terrorist organizations have spread their tentacle in Uttaranchal;
- (b) if so, whether the Union Government have formulated any scheme in consultation with State Government of Uttaranchal to deal with this problem immediately in the State;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the nature of assistance provided/proposed to be provided to the State Government and the time by which such assistance is likely to be provided?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a): There is no specific information about activities of Jaish-e-Mohammad in Uttaranchal. However, the presence of Lashkar-e-Toiba (LeT) in particular has been noticed in recent past. Some remnants of Punjab militant groups were also active some time back.

(b)&(c): Government has adopted a well coordinated and multi-pronged approach for tackling the activities of militants which includes strengthening of border management to check illegal cross border activities, gearing up the intelligence machinery, close interaction between agencies of the Centre and the State Governments neutralizing plans of militants and anti-national elements by coordinated action, modernization and upgradation of police and security forces with sophisticated weapons and communication system etc. As a result of coordinated action, several terrorist modules have been neutralized.

Diplomatic initiatives have also been taken with various countries to enlist their support in countering the activities of militant groups.

32 organisations have been notified as Terrorist Organisations under the Prevention of Terrorism Act, 2002, to enable the States to take effective action.

(d): Under the Scheme of Modernisation of State Police Forces, amounts of Rs.5.505 crores and Rs.8.444 crores were released to the Government of Uttaranchal during 2000-01 and 2001-02 respectively.